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SUBJ: CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE POLITICAL
GUIDANCE PAPER

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CENTO SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED FOR THE COUNCIL OF
DEPUTIES AN EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK ON
THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT
TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL, CENTO DOCUMENT C/22/D5.

THE FIRST THREE PARAGRAPHS ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS IN
THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT, WITH SLIGHT CHANGES IN PHRASING.

PARAGRAPHS FOUR AND FIVE CONTAIN THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S
REPORT ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE PAPER, AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE COMMENTS OF THE PERMANENT MILITARY
DEPUTIES GROUP, COUNTER SUBVERSION COMMITTEE AND THE

ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WERE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT.
THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE STATED THAT THEY WERE NOT

COMPETENT TO EXPRESS ANY VIEWS ON POLITICAL GUIDANCE
WHILE THE COUNTER SUBVERSION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED

MINOR CHANGES IN THE PAPER. IN THE PERMANENT MILITARY DEPUTIES
GROUP, FOUR MEMBERS WERE IN AGREEMENT BUT THE FIFTH MEMBER
EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL, THEREFORE,
FELT THAT RATHER THAN CONVENE A MEETING OF THE AD HOC POLITICAL
WORKING GROUP HE WOULD PERSONALLY TAKE THIS UP AT THE

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HIGHEST LEVELS DURING HIS VISITS TO THE CAPITALS OF THE

MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO BRIDGING THE DIFFERENCES. IN THE COURSE OF HIS CONSULTATIONS HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE SYMPATHETICALLY RECONSIDERED. SUBSEQUENTLY AT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING, THE MEMBER COUNTRY WHICH HAD EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS IN THE PERMANENT MILITARY DEPUTIES GROUP MODIFIED ITS STAND WHEREBY ITS POSITION CAME CLOSER IN LINE WITH THAT OF THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS. SOME CLARIFICATION HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FROM THE MEMBER COUNTRY WHICH HAD MODIFIED ITS POSITION. ON RECEIPT, THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL CONVENE A MEETING OF THE AD HOC POLITICAL WORKING GROUP TO RESUME DELIBERATIONS ON THE PAPER "POLITICAL GUIDANCE FOR MILITARY PLANNING" WITH A VIEW TO ITS EARLY FINALIZATION. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF TIME THIS CANNOT BE DONE BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL ON THE 22ND OF THIS MONTH. THE SECRETARY GENERAL THEREFORE PROPOSES TO INFORM THE MINISTERS THAT THE PAPER HAD NOT YET BEEN PRODUCED BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE STUDY AND TO ASK THE MINISTERS TO ENDORSE HIS SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION BY ASKING THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES THROUGH THE AD HOC POLITICAL WORKING GROUP TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER. END TEXT.

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